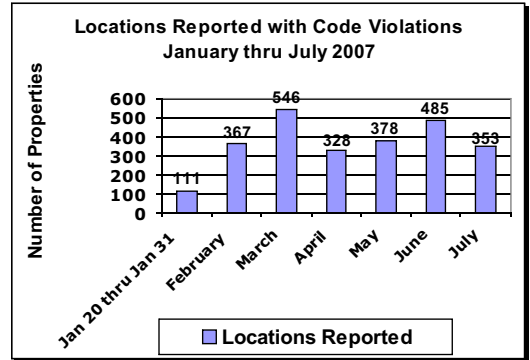




# Code Ranger Reporter

## Kudos to Code Rangers!

Code Rangers are doing a superb job. Together we are reinvigorating neighborhoods. We appreciate your participation in the Code Ranger program. The chart to the right shows the total number of locations reported from the time of program implementation, January 20 through July 2007.



## Nuisance Ordinance Update

In an effort to improve safety and attractiveness in our neighborhoods, the Nuisance Ordinance has been amended. Implementation of these changes will begin October 1st, 2007. The following nuisance related issues will be affected:

- Dilapidated fences
- Junked vehicles/ Nuisance vehicles
- Unclean premises
- Outside storage
- Unsafe/Neglected vegetation
- Vehicle tarps
- Abatement procedures

Safety standards for fences are increasing, and tougher standards will be imposed regarding nuisance vehicles and unclean



premises. Changes concerning outside storage include a new rule that firewood must be stacked 12 inches off the ground. Another example of



changes regarding outside storage is that indoor furniture will not be permitted to be stored outdoors. More information is available regarding the new amendments to the Nuisance ordinance. Click [here](#) to learn more about these changes becoming effective October 1st, 2007.

### Code Ranger training classes are held the third Saturday of every month.

A class providing updates on the Nuisance Ordinance will be held on the afternoon of September 15, 2007. Contact James Triplett for more information at 817-459-6257.

**Be watching for the next edition of the Code Ranger Reporter. Provide comments and feedback [here](#).**



### Program Progress:

- **141** Code Rangers trained to date
- **2,957** Complaints received to date as of August 30, 2007
- **2,454** (77%) violations substantiated
- **722** (23%) violations unsubstantiated



## The Top Five Violations Reported\*

Spring/Summer 2007

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Grass more than 12":    | 4,110 |
| 2. Unclean premises:       | 2,189 |
| 3. Overhanging tree limbs: | 1,671 |
| 4. Trash out too early:    | 1,168 |
| 5. Junked vehicle:         | 711   |

*\*Total violations from all investigations performed (from proactive activity, Code Ranger and other complaints).*

## Director's Notes



**Lee Hitchcock**  
Director

Many thanks to the dedicated Code Rangers volunteering time and effort. By partnering with us, together we can reach the common goal of making neighborhoods safer and more attractive. Our mission is to engage, connect and protect the citizens of the City of Arlington, and your contribution to the Code Ranger program is helping achieve our common goals. Thank you for your commitment to this program.

**Thank you for working together to make Arlington better!**

*-Lee Hitchcock*

## Meet the Graffiti Abatement Team (GAT)

The Graffiti Abatement Team (GAT), was established in January of 2007. Since that time, the GAT has received over 750 reports of graffiti. This team has responded to 99% of all graffiti complaints within 48 hours as promised. As a Code Ranger we are counting on your teamwork in helping inform us as soon as you see a property "tagged" with graffiti. Graffiti is an eyesore and prompt removal can help deter crime.



### Meet the GAT:

*From left: Antonio Pye; Erasmo Gonzalez; Jordan Yutzy; Supervisor, Misty Gutierrez; Gabriel Sanchez and Sharon Richie*

When a property owner has an Abatement form ([English/Spanish](#)) on file, and their property is tagged with graffiti, the GAT offers prompt graffiti abatement. Please encourage neighbors, especially those who have been victimized by graffiti tagging to submit a release waiver so we may provide this free service. Thank you for helping make neighborhoods safer and more attractive.



*Jordan in action removing graffiti using a special power washing device.*

## Tips To Use

### Complaint Affidavit



Occasionally, complaints are received for violations which a Code Inspector does not personally observe. This can occur with violations that happen infrequently such as parking in the yard or traffic appearing randomly at illegal homebased businesses. Code Rangers that have observed these occurrences can file a complaint affidavit with Code Enforcement and request that a citation be issued based on their willingness to testify in court as to its existence, in place of a Code Inspector. If you are interested in the complaint affidavit process please contact James Triplett at 817-459-6257, or by email at [james.triplett@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:james.triplett@arlingtontx.gov).